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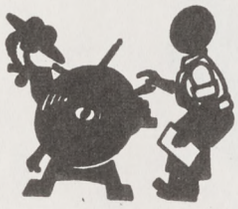

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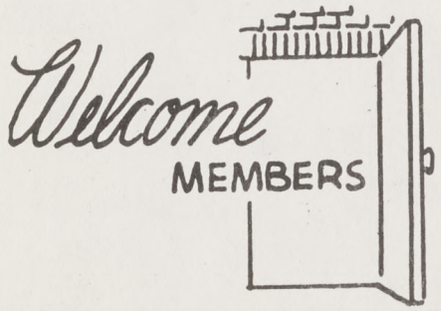

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Standing for What Is Right

READ PSALMS 11

Bible Thought: ***"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might"*** **(Ephesians 6:10).**

THE UNIVERSE in which we live is so large and we as individuals are so small. As we think of this and find ourselves living among so many people, we tend to think of our lives as being unimportant. We find ourselves asking, "Of what value are my efforts to do what is right?" The answer, given by the psalmist in chapter 11, is an answer that remains true as months, years and centuries roll by. Our greatest need is to remember that the final consideration of good is the one made by God, for no matter how large the world or how many people there may be, our God is able to keep that which we commit unto him on a personal basis. Upon this foundation our God calls upon us to seek continually to do that which is right.

The revelation of God in the Bible indicates that he can use the evil deeds that men commit to work out God's purposes. Yet it remains true that he desires good for us and from us and promises to reward those who patiently seek to do right. It is the just who shall live by faith.

Hymn: "Stand up for Jesus."

Father, we thank you for the opportunities we have to stand for things that are high and holy. Help us to seek the pathways of right each day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

—Douglas N. Qualls, Jr.

WEDNESDAY IS THE DEADLINE!

This past week, due to the many extra printings for the General Conference and the coinciding of the monthly "In Unity", we went to press early with a shortened edition. If your article was submitted on time but didn't make it, or shortened, we are sorry and will attempt to include it next week. Most of you have been wonderful in submitting your articles. A few of you haven't.

If every group, club, organization, or office could appoint someone who is willing and capable of the responsibility, your items of interest will be here in Publications on time. Your cooperation is appreciated. We will soon begin a Who's Who column to introduce individuals to the readers. A photo along with the article of your favorite MCC member will be accepted.

We are STILL falling short on proof readers. We are striving for an errorless edition, but we need more eagle eyes to spot those little typos and mistakes. VOLUNTEER!!

Asst. Editor
Marty Seneca

SORRY YOU MISSED IT

Well the youth groups back-to-school dance was an unbelievable success. For those of you who did not make the dance I will fill you in on some of the details of the youth group's last big evening for summer '71.

Well the dancing music was recorded by the one and only Uncle Willie(alias flying nun). I like to say thanks to Willie for the time he spent taping the music for the dance, including the music the Youth Group Supremes used for their stage routine.

Well, enough about the music that inspired everybody to get up and shake a leg. Some of the talent on hand for our combination Back to School Show and Dance, were our own Mr. Lucky at the piano who gave us a medley of popular songs. Then we heard some things from Mr. Carlton Dinnall. And then the moment came that I think the whole house was waiting for the announcement of the fabulous Supremes all the way from Detroit. Coincidently I have to make comments about our beautiful Mistress of Ceremonies. I think she did a wonderful job and I'm sure that all of you who were on hand and saw the show will wholeheartedly agree.

Well, in case you didn't recognize the Supremes, they were 3 of our youth group members although you may like to know I won't tell you their names I'll let you figure out who they were. Some of the songs that the 3 beautiful women did were "Stop In The Name of Love", "Ain't No Mountain High Enough", Love Child:, and more of their hits. Believe me those of you who were not on hand missed a treat. Well at the next dance you can expect even bigger and better things from M.C.C.Y.G.

Don't forget our meetings are every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and our Rap Sessions are every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. So if you're between the ages of 13 to 20 and want to have a lot of fun, then get involved. Our doors are open to everyone. Well until next week, that's all the news for now. Don't forget to keep the faith babe.

Ray Hicks
Moderator M.C.C.Y.G.

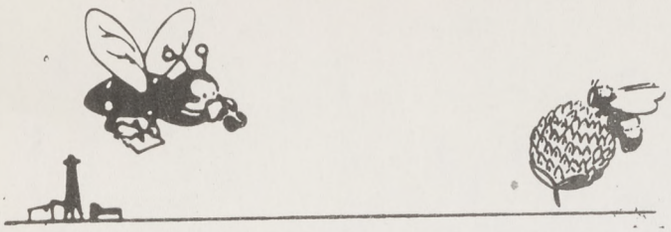
THE SILENT CHOIR

The Silent Choir is happy to welcome our new director, Jim (Kimo) Curtis. Because we are in this group to learn how to better communicate with our deaf brothers and sisters, how significant it is to be blessed with Kimo to help us.

We have picked 2 new hymns to learn as well as our beloved "Lord's Prayer". We are also happy to welcome Jan and Char into our Silent Choir. Please, everyone, do <u>not</u> call us a deaf Choir since we are <u>not</u> deaf but wish to learn to "speak" with the deaf.

We are anxious to get our signs together and there is room for more of you who wish to join us.

We are planning to accept the invitation to perform at Phoenix - MCC Dedication of their new building some time in Oct. or Nov. Anyone with a car willing to carry a few of us to Phoenix, please see Marty Seneca in Publications.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW

By Al Correa

Our Pastor began his sermon today telling us he had gone to the LA County Fair on Sept. 18th. Browsing around, he discovered the Educational Section where booths were to be found representing special interest groups. The Socialist Labor Party, Planned Parenthood, even the John Birch Society, were all represented, yet it surprised him that not a single homophile organization had a booth. "I want Metropolitan Community Church to have a booth at next year's fair" said Rev. Perry. "Our God doesn't mess around. He'll grant us anything we want, if we go out and get it!" He quoted a passage that says:

"Delight thyself in the Lord and He will give you all the desires of your Heart."

Today Rev. Perry read from the Old Testament, Malachi 3:6 "I am the Lord unchanging...If you will return to me, I will return to you." Picking up on this theme, Rev. Perry noted that some of us were back after an absence, or knew a Member who has drifted away from the church home. " I want to tell you something," he said, "Your Father loves you, I love you, and the Christians of this Church love you too! So come on home. When you trust in God you can't go wrong."

Another verse from MALACHI asked: "May man defraud God?" The Biblical answer to how man had defrauded God was: "Why, in your tithes and contributions. Bring the tithes into the treasury...Let there be food in my house. Put me to the proof, says the Lord of Hosts, and see if I do not open windows...and pour a blessing upon you as long as there is need."

This brought to mind our Treasurer's recent reports which pointed out the disturbing fact that only about one third of our pledged amounts are actually being honored. Rev. Perry did not specifically touch on this matter, saying only, "Anything you want you can have..if you're willing to pay the price." A young church like ours has so many needs that our Pastor probably finds himself embarrassed at times to ask for more. Yet the needs never diminish; in fact they grow, as the Metropolitan Denomination grows wider in its Christian outreach.

John Hose once asked us to carefully consider the changes that had come about in our lives as a result of our affiliation with the Church and to measure the fellowship and comfort we were receiving...to judge whether, or not, we are giving an amount proportionate to the benefits which we receive. I know we're not, but we want to correct it. Can you, dear friends? We may not be in direct need ourselves, but so many of our people are.

Projects have been postponed that are capable of being beneficial at national levels. Possibly, the only miracle is that you've helped enough to make everything that's happened so far possible!

The rest of the service was exciting too. Deacon John Logan opened it beautifully reading a poem "Teach Us To Live" I can't recall most of it, but the ending said,

"Peace on earth cannot be found
Until we all reach common ground.
And every man becomes a brother.
And worships God with one another."

Walter Craig led the Chancel Choir--there were 20 present today, the only female being Holly. She has quite a responsibility,being the only choir member representing the women of our community.

Asst. Pastor John Hose welcomed us, saying "It's a pleasure to look out and see faces that for one reason,or another, have strayed during our summer months." He then said of MCC "We represent the new Evangelism, but we are really representing the old Apostolic church which made a practice of going out in the streets

to preach the word of God." Rev. Hose urged us to remember that if we could not always be our brother's keeper, we could at least always be our brother's brother.

Rev. Ploen led us in the Silent & Pastoral prayer, saying, in part: ".....Save us from inordinate love of perishable things. Give us enough Grace to live each day as if it were our last, doing noble things..."

Rev. Perry followed, introducing guests from Highland Park, Illinois; Quincy, Illinois; and the editor of THE FOUNTAIN, a new homophile publication printed in Portland, Oregon. Our Pastor reminded us that Councilman Joel Wachs would be speaking directly after services, urging Members to listen to what he has to say and ask questions. He gave us some good news, saying "Our brother, Lee J. Carlton is preaching his first service this morning in Orlando, Florida. Rev. Perry also announced that he was communicating with a group in Detroit, Michigan which wishes to affiliate itself with Metropolitan Community Church as a Mission.

One news item that I found particularly interesting was a planned rally to be held at the Biltmore Bowl for the MCC-TV Committee.(Our brother, Dick Martin is organizing this event; it's exciting to think that maybe we really will get that project for our own TV show off the ground!!!)

Rev. Lou Loynes certainly does give Lovers a beautiful Communion service! We were quite moved by the time he finished. (This writing takes up more time than I care to admit!) But I still love you all, too.

NORTHEAST PARISH MEETING

On Tuesday, September 28, at 8 PM the Northeast Parish is meeting in Spider and Quinn's home, 3845 Latrobe St. There will be a pot-luck dinner followed by a show and discussion on Drag Queens, featuring Desie Bass, female impersonator. For more information phone: Co-ordinator Rodger Perryman at 223-4998 or Secretary Robert Foster at 255-3954.

VALLEY PARISH

The next meeting of the Valley Parish will be held on Sept. 28th, Tuesday at 8PM at Markwell Plaza, 11839 Magnolia Blvd. - Apartment 14 in North Hollywood - phone 763-9305. The speaker will be Larry Long, CIC Chairman.

TO THE L.A. Delegates:

All of us here in the Valley would like to express our deepest thanks to the delegates who represented the L.A. membership during the General Conference.

We feel that there was much accomplished in unity and understanding.

We hope that the past weeks can be a beginning for the future to join in a closer fellowship for all.

So to these wonderful people who took the time to be our representatives we say to you: *OUR THANKS AND BLESSINGS WITH HEARTS FULL OF LOVE.*

The Valley Parish

HOLLYWOOD PARISH

The next meeting of the Hollywood Parish will be held on Tuesday Oct. 5th at 7:30 PM at the Knickerbocker Hotel. Our host, Tom Patterson, has made all arrangements for our meeting there. Rev. Jon Bullock will be our guest speaker. Afterwards there will be refreshments and a dance. I am sure that none of you will want to miss this meeting. Remember the date is Tuesday, October 5th at 7:30 PM and the place is the "GOLD ROOM" at the Knickerbocker Hotel. Our meetings are always free of charge.

Jerry L. Angus
Secretary

LAVENDER LADIES SEPTEMBER GALA

If you missed the Lavender Ladies September Gala last night, then you did indeed miss another spectacular performance by your group. The show was another success and I, for one, am sure everyone had another good time. We have been blessed with a wonderful group, who not only gave their time and efforts, but also their money, making this variety show the success it was.

The Lavender Ladies September Gala was produced and directed by Mrs. Lori Oswald. It starred Mrs. Lisa Marlow and the guest star was Mr. Jerry Bumgarner. Desiree Du Bass was featured in perhaps one of his greatest performances. Debuting was Miss Caroline Babb, giving an excellent first performance. This affair was given for the benefit of the Publications Department of MCC.

As a spectator I felt the number "Stick-up" (with Lisa, Lori and Joy) gave these 3 people an opportunity to express one facet of their many talents. If you were there, I am sure you would agree. Wendy Hall, who put forth all she had on her numbers from Judy Garland, was the smash for the complete evening.

In closing, I pray that through our group we can benefit many more individuals. God's love and prayers go with all until you hear from us again.

The Lavender Ladies
Mike Babb

Visiting a lawyer for advice, the wife said, "I want you to help me obtain a divorce. My husband is getting a little queer to sleep with."

"What do you mean?" asked the attorney. "Does he force you to indulge in unusual sex practices?"

"No, he doesn't," replied the woman, "and neither does the little queer."

BUILDING

I watched them tearing a building
down
a gang of men in a busy town
With a yo-heave-ho and a lusty yell,
They swung a beam and the sidewall
fell.

I asked a foreman: "Are these men
skilled-
The kind you would hire if you want-
ed to build?
He laughed and said:"Why no, indeed,
Just common labor is all I need;
They can easily wreck in a day or two,
What builders have taken years to do."

I asked myself, as I went my way,
Which of these roles have I tried
today?
Am I a builder who works with care,
Measuring life by the rule and
square,
Shaping my deeds by the well-
made plan,
Patiently doing the best I
can?
Or am I a wrecker who
walks the town,
Content with the
Labor of
tearing
down?

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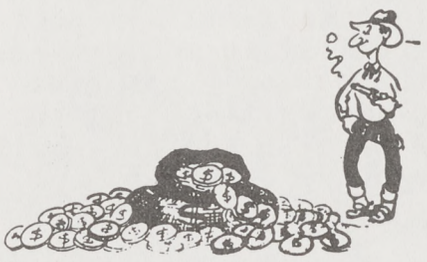


THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Our envelopes which show how much of our pledges was up 11% this week amounting to $450.29. The loose offering was $472.76 and the miscellaneous receipts was $370.91. This brings a total weekly receipt of $1,293.96.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

MCC Treasurer
Pat Vestal

FELLOWSHIP with God

I am one of the many people who attends church regularly but it is unlikely you would ever hear me testify aloud, which seems to be a common happening at the evening service. Although quiet, I don't think I go entirely unnoticed because I'm a little rare to look at in MCC, being one of the few attending from the freak or long-haired society.

Previously to LA, I lived in San Francisco where a member of my commune turned me on to MCC. There were many freaks who went to MCC-SF. Around the turnof the year, however, I found myself living down here in LA. Until about 6 weeks ago, even though I attended church regularly, I had been constantly complaining about this church because I couldn't identify with the people here. For so long had I been used to associating strictly with long-hairs that I used the lack of them at MCC to reject the Church.

My testimony to you begins about 8 weeks ago when all my securities fell apart. I split from my lover whom I loved more than anything in the world. He was everything to me, but I believe God guided this. After 2 weeks of misery I broke down and did something that you'd better never do unless you're dead serious about it. I asked God to humble me and make things go bad for me so that He could get me into a place where He could start using me.

And I want you to know He did just that. Every day a tragedy occured. My unemployment checks-for what I thought was no reason, just stopped coming, I was in a car accident, all my ID's were stolen among other things, I was even getting ridiculous things like jaywalking tickets. Not a day went by without some bad vibes or a heavy problem.

At first I didn't do too well. I was depressed. But as time went on, and day by day, new tragedies came on the scene, I began to realize that God would would not let up until I proved myself to Him. And that's what I did. I got happier and happier with each event and started saying things like "praise God" and "I love you, God" which are phrases definitely uncommon to my vocabulary. One day I woke up and knew it was over. It was just a feeling, and yet it was more than a feeling - I knew God was speaking to me.

Just as God had meant business with me in my discipline period, He equally meant business with His showers of blessings because I had proved faithful. Now let me tell you something - don't you ever let anyone cut you down for being gay. We are just as much God's children as anyone else if we have trusted Christ as our Savior and I can prove it by actual miracles in my life I have not worked for over a year. I prayed for a job and was willing to humble myself to the point where I would even cut my hair (after 2 yrs) if He so willed. I was hired for a job and was told to cut my hair and I said yes. And strangely enough, the job fell through and another one came up where I could keep my hair.

The Lord has actually led me to people to whom I can be a witness so obviously and so many times during these last few weeks that it's almost beyond belief. One Sunday night when my several sources of rides to church all finked out on me I decided to take a walk, not understanding why I could not go to that evening service because I felt so definitely led to go there. I wandered into a local bar and a dude started talking to me and asked me what I had planned for the evening. I told him I had wanted to go to MCC and he gladly said he would take me down. I immediately realized that God had it planned all along. Also, that was His way of leading this man to church who ordinarily would not have ever gone.

I no longer go out cruising. I do not have to. God seems to send them to me. It's almost unbelievable when I recall in my mind the phenomenal ways people have come to me these past few weeks. God not only has taken care of my sexual needs, but each person has been testifying about God's saving grace and this has not been forced upon one of them. Most of them have asked me themselves to tell them why I have such peace of mind or what makes me not uptight as others are. What a

wonderful way to go.

I implore you people to seek out the long-hairs and testify to them. There is an intelligent witness going their way and I want you to know that freaks are very very responsive to our message. They are into the Spiritual much more than most people and that is why so many cults are now cropping up. But these cults are misleading and we know it, so let's get into some good raps and guide our very sensitive brothers and sisters in the light.

Thank you for listening. I hope this may encourage someone.

I love you,
Dick

CLEANING UP PERSHING SQUARE

Burn the damned benches!
Blast away the walks!
Set up a floral display in place
Of all these shiftless old folks.
Sharp decoration: that's what
makes a park!

Benches attract such riffraff--Undesirables! Old fools and pests,
queers, cranks and hustlers,
Agitators and vagrant students
Long-hair boys and slut-mouthed
women; A constant bother to police,
And Nobodies, one and all. The
Park should be for EV'RYBODY.

So burn the benches!
Let all Nobodies take themselves away
To no particular place;
And keep this Park for EV'RYBODY
To park their cars beneath,
Or look at from across the street;
But not to sit or sing in,
Not to play chess or swing in,
And not to air radical words in.

Where now may these Nobodies go?
No place in particular -- as we said,
For every place must be for EV'RYBODY.

James Kepner

"When God denies His child anything, it is with the design to give him something better."

G.A.V.E.

There is a new organization in the offing...Gay American Veteran Encampment...GAVE. It is intended as an alternative to veterans groups which insist on Honorable Discharges to be eligible for membership although Honorable Discharges will not be a bar to membership. The organization will be open to any ex-serviceman who was willing to serve out his term of service. This will include those who did so; and those who did not have the opportunity to do so because they were gay and were forced to take early discharges. Only those who ASKED to be relieved of their obligation are barred from membership. It is hoped that GAVE will be able to put together four man color guards in many American cities to ask for admittance to patriotic parades and other civic functions. The patch has been designed and is shown above. Members will be encouraged to wear purple overseas caps with uniforms typical of their branch of service without any other insignia.

join today

For information contact Jean Hart, GAVE, 902 J Street, Sacramento, Calif.

BEACH PARISH

We were very proud to have with us at our meeting on September 14th, Bill Bennett, Social Director for MCC. He talked about social functions and the dates that are used exclusively by the church such as Valentines Day, May Festival and Thanksgiving.

It was discussed that we have a brunch to help raise money. It was also decided that we have a Christmas Day Dinner for members and friends of the church who do not have families to spend Christmas with.

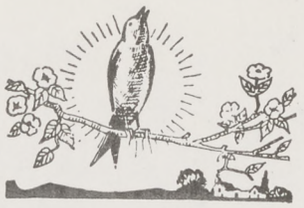
Discussion was held on collecting toys for the needy families in the beach area and families near the church area. Also a Christmas Food Basket was mentioned for one family in each area stated above. Discussion on this matter will be continued at our next meeting.

Richard Bredahl brought up the subject of meeting with Rev. John Gill, who is assigned to the Atlanta Mission. He is in need of assistance in setting up the Mission with church supplies, such as hymn books, etc. We voted to assist him in any way we could. Richard will be writing to Rev. Gill and telling him that the beach parish is willing to help.

The Beach Parish meeting has been changed and decided by the members to be held twice a month, starting in October --the first and third Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be a Pot Luck held at Fred Worthington's on October 5th and the meeting after that, October 19th, at John Shama's.

We had 12 members in attendance at our meeting of September 14th and we adjourned at 10:30PM. We all then gathered at Farrells Ice Cream Parlor for a treat.

Yours in Christ,
Deputy Deacon,
Fred H. Sferrazzo



BEACH PARISH.....

OCTOBER 3, 1971 9:30am - 10:30am

EARLY BIRD EXTRAVAGANZA BRUNCH

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FRENCH TOAST & BACON

TOMATO JUICE

CANTALOUPE & SLICE ORANGE, PRUNE

SWEET ROLL

plus Cold Cereal

Coffee $1.50 per person

SURPRISE GALORE

M.C.C. Social Hall

SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE....

Though hetero (I'm glad to say)
The nicest men I know are gay.
They paint,sculpt,write music,books,
Having good manners and good looks.

Such charming hosts,such fun to visit
The drinks and dinners so exquisite.
They have no grimy, yelling brats--
Just stereo and well-groomed cats.

No phony pitches or seduction
Ten seconds after introduction.
They sit and chat and never tear
My clothing off or muss my hair.

No ups and downs,no lovers' fights,
No broken hearts or sleepless nights
No conversational taboos.
I feel relaxed and give my views

On sex and love. Not being told
I'm either nympho or too cold.
Though I am not inclined that way---
I find my favorite folks are gay.

Edith Ogutsch

YOUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Next Sunday, October 3rd is your last opportunity to purchase a ticket to our Third Anniversary Dinner Dance to be held at the Nob Hill Restaurant, 2229 Van Nuys Blvd.,Van Nuys on Oct. 9th at 8 P.M.

Your Social Committee has worked diligently for the past few months planning this birthday party, and we are proud of what will be the result of this work. We have planned a beautiful evening of fun for you. M.C.C. has yet to have a function like this. There will be plenty of fellowship for this night.

For dinner, we will have Beef Tenderloin, Glazed Carrots, String Beans, Potatoes Russe, Chocolate Mousse, and Coffee.

Through the Nob Hill, we have hired a dance combo that is perfect. Plenty of good dance music for you and your date.

The Voices of Jerusalem from the Temple Methodist Church will entertain us with some songs, and Councilman Stevens,who has spoken to a couple of church organizations and at a conference at MCC, will be our guest speaker for the evening.

Rev. Perry will also give our annual church awards to those in the MCC congregation that have worked to make MCC the wonderful place it is.

Church organizations may reserve tables if they want. We think that it would be great if all the Church Organizations had a great representation. Each table will seat 10, so order your tables in that number. Nothing less than 10 to a table.

Tickets may be purchased in the Church Office until 6 PM, Monday, October 4th...the latest. Absolutely none after this date. No tickets will be available at the door. There are only 350 tickets (less than 1/2 of our Church Membership) for sale. So, DON'T WAIT. BUY EARLY!

Next week, I will give you some idea of the things that are involved when I go to rent a place for a function. It isn't all that easy. Plenty of leg work and gas through the carburetor.

See you on OCTOBER 9TH at the NOB HILL RESTAURANT, 2229 VAN NUYS BLVD. in VAN NUYS, 8 P.M.

Bill Bennett

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

THIRD ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

October 9, 1971 8 P.M.

Nob Hill Restaurant
2229 Van Nuys Boulevard
Van Nuys, California

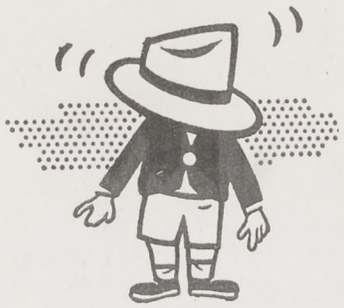
Donation $6.00

HULA CLASS GROWING

Lonnie Harper's Polynesian Dance Class is growing every week. The music of Hawaii and the South Pacific is really captivating. If anyone truly likes a good beat and rhythm, then come down to the Social Hall on Fridays at 7 PM.

Bamboo sticks, gourd rattles, stone clickers, arms, feet, knees and HIPS are all put to use. Besides the great fun, it can keep your body in good shape. Come and Hula with us.

Kitty L.



SEZ THE MAD HATTER

I'm game if you are. One man's game is another man's meat...really now! Well, let's get on with it. A game is a game is a game. There are many games and many variations on the same game. It's all in how you do it.... isn't it always?

Now, if you were at the Publications Pot Luck...you weren't?...Shame on you! you got a chance to sample at least two games. Both on the same idea but using different subject matter. For those of you who weren't, WELL, I guess I'll just have to explain everything to you. First, find yourself a magazine, such as Playboy, Life, Sports Illustrated, Better Homes and Gardens, etc...., and cut out all of the interesting ads. Then when you have about 40 or 50 different ones, or some of the same brands using different advertising approaches, make yourself a master...now now, no S/M here...list. After you've done this, mount (here we go again) the ads on colored construction paper, being careful to *Remove All References* to the *Brand Name*. Only you will know for sure which ads are which.

The game sounds easy, doesn't it? All I can say is,"Don't knock it until you've tried it". If you can get clever enough ads, the game is extremely difficult. As many times as I've used this game, I've never had a single person guess all the ads.

Remember, for the winner, have some type of token gift. Usually just a $1.00 gift is enough.

Now, after you've used it for a few times, change the ads around by adding 50 more to the backs and making another list. In this way you can have 100 ads, using only 50 sheets of paper and enough variety so that the game will not become stale.

Now that all of this ads up, next week we'll move on to another game. I don't want to cloud your minds with too much at once. So until next week, when I'll be gaming your way again, this is your ole Mad Hatter signing off.

Anybody for hop scotch?
Dick Durant

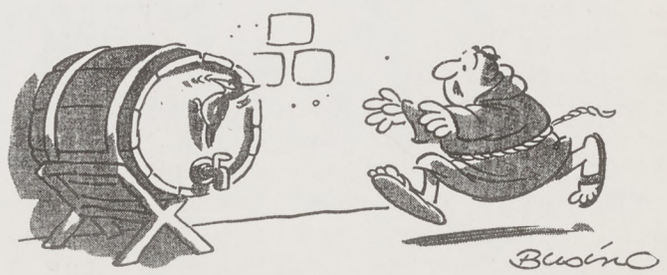
12TH MONTHLY MEETING
LOS ANGELES COUPLES CLUB
by Al Correa

The Los Angeles Couples Club will hold their 12th monthly meeting on Friday, October 8th at the home of Dick Martin and Jay Himes.

Dick and Jay will provide refreshments but no food will be prepared. So, grab a quick dinner. They'd like to invite the couples to bring their swimsuits along...if the hot weather holds out, we can use their pool.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, October 4th if you plan to attend.

Phone: 213-851-4395
Host Address: 5511 Sunnyslope Ave.
Sherman Oaks
Date: Friday, Oct. 8, 7:30 P.M.



DISCUSSION GROUP GROWS

The first discussion group numbered 4. The second gathering, Tuesday, September 21st, 7:30 PM in the Choir Room, numbered 11, a typical MCC acceleration. But all were men. Girls, we need and want you to participate.

With Rev. Rich Ploen as moderator for this planning session, 15 subjects were scanned for attention at as many future Tuesday evening gatherings:

September 28, Dan, a highly articulate Texan from Dallas, will tell his story as a gay, playwright, director, invite comments and recommendations for a progressive future.

October 5, Hank, a New York-Californian will introduce one or two MCC department heads who will give a 15-minute sketch of what they do, how they do it, with what results, tell how they plan to handle and help the constantly and rapidly increasing flow of persons coming to MCC asking for help. One day recently Personal Services recorded 17 person-to-person counsellings, plus numerous recorded and unrecorded telephone calls for advice and other helpfulness. Remarkable. Wonderful. Beautiful. Let's hear about it all from the admirable people who are the ear and voice of MCC responding to people in trouble or need or want.

October 12, Carl, an American former member of a Catholic brotherhood, will describe his Sydney, Australia experience in an institution caring for 1,600 resident men.

Later in October Rev. Rich Ploen will talk about and show some slides of his years as a minister in the Sudan, a vast region of North Africa.

It is noteworthy that each of the 11 chaps present had something to say, something to suggest as worthwhile subject matter for a future Tuesday evening hour or two of fellowship, listening, discussion. Join up. Let's learn about your interests, expertise and experiences. WE will learn by listening. YOU will be surprised how much you know about your subject just by talking off-the-top-of-your-head, to an interested and responsive audience. Come. Welcome.

Hank

SURVIVORS ANONYMOUS

People sometimes accidentally die while attempting to commit suicide. The self destructive act is a cry for help. So are such self-hurting behavior patterns as addiction to alcohol and narcotics. Among both homosexual and heterosexual males, it is observable that some kill themselves to prove their manhood.

Suicide most often occurs when a person is feeling well, not under a doctor's care, not hospitalized, and generally believed to be capably coping with a productive daily existence.

A goal of Survivors Anonymous is to disarm the mechanism of suicide under the condition when it most often occurs. Current direction outlines survival on a day to day and week by week basis. Survivors Anonymous meets every Monday at 7 PM in the Sommers Room here at MCC. Meetings are open to all.

Charles Lucas
C.I.C.

A word from –

CONFUCIUS

"In all things, success depends upon previous preparation, and without such preparation there is sure to be failure."

Department of Sociology
CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE. LONG BEACH
90801

September 10, 1971

Miss Connie Vaughn, Editor
MCC News
Metropolitan Community Church
2201 S. Union Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Connie:

Please find enclosed my course outline for the Sociology of Homosexual Behavior for this coming Fall semester. As you may know, my course is now the only accredited college course which is totally devoted to the subject of homosexuality to be offered in the United States.

Once again I am looking forward to the help of members of the congregation of MCC to make this course a success. In past semesters MCC members have made a fantastic educational contribution to this class by participating in class discussions, seminars and by presenting special guest lectures. Those who are interested in making a contribution to this class this semester may call me at 213-498-4609 or 498-4602 or 498-4603.

Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Barry

Barry M. Dank,
Assistant Professor

ROLL AWAY! ROLL AWAY! ROLL AWAY!

Which will it be? The key to my heart or the key to my skates? That's what I thought! Well, whatever choice you make, you can't go wrong at the 2nd Annual Anniversary Costume Skating Party, sponsored by the Chancel Choir.

This year's festivities promise to make it a night you won't want to miss. In addition to a fun night of skating, (as always) there will be the Costume Competition! Judging will cover four categories including: 1. Most OUTSTANDING,2.Most ORIGINAL, 3. Most HUMOROUS, 4. Best COUPLE. Trophies will be awarded in each of the four categories with an additional prize going to the Grand Prize Winner. There will also be Door Prizes, in addition to those being offered in the Costume Competition.

Another attraction for this year's even is ...ENTERTAINMENT!! Another first for Chancel Choir Skating Parties.

This evening of fun and frivolity will "happen" on Monday - October 25th -- from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM, with awards being presented at 10PM. Where? Why, the Hollywood Roller Bowl, of course. It's located at 5612 Sunset Blvd. in the heart of Tinseltown!

At this point we would like to extend our deepest apologies to President Nixon for violating his Price Freeze, but where else can you attend a Costume Ball for the meager donation of $2.50???(which is just a slight increase on our regular donation.

Tickets are available through Publications or from members of Chancel Choir. For further ticket information call Larry Hull at 257-9505.

Yours in Christ,
Chancel Choir
Jerry Bumgarner

BEULAHLAND OR BUST!

Grass-root level plans for the MCC Coffee House are getting off the ground. A building in Hollywood has been located and (after official approval by the Board of Directors),we can begin remodeling and decorating, with a little help from our friends, of course. So if you have any of the following items available for our work or can give any helpful hints as to where they can be acquired, here is a list of present needs:

Rugs, mats, floor coverings, sofas, easy chairs, large cable spools, small cable spools, candles, any electrical junk you have hanging around, speakers with or without cabinets, turntable, microphone, amplifiers, mixers, lamps, light fixtures, dimmer switches, you got the idea, right?

Objets d'art au funquie, potted plants, vines, small potted trees, hanging lanterns, mobiles, etc. As many fruit crates as possible (pick 'em up for free at your local supermarket Saturday and bring them to MCC on Sunday. Don't ask questions! Let us surprise you!

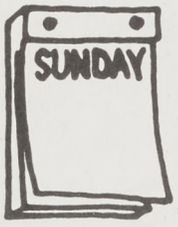
Already we'd like to give special thanks to Bill Bennett, Alan Perrine, Jay Heckman and Russell Quest without whom we could not have done what we have already!

Sufficiently confused? Excited? GREAT!

Love, Lyle Gerard and
John Gooch

PS: If anyone has a box spring and mattress not being used, we'd appreciate its use. Then our prayers would <u>really</u> be answered!

HAVE WE GOT A NUMBER FOR YOU? TRY US. 748 - 1904 YOUR CRISIS LINE.



Our Church Calendar

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH	7:00 PM	SURVIVORS ANONYMOUS Sommers Room
	7:00 PM	SILENT CHOIR REHEARSAL Choir Room
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH	7:30 PM	SEMINARY CLASSES Seminary Room
	7:30 PM	DISCUSSION GROUP
	8:00 PM	NORTHEAST PARISH MEETING Pot-luck Dinner, Show & Discussion Call 223-4998
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH	7:30 PM	SEMINARY CLASSES
	8:00 PM	WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING Main Sanctuary
	8:00 PM	LONG BEACH PARISH DISCUSSION Karen & Lynn's: 3401 Curry St. North Long Beach
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH	6:00 PM	LITURGICAL CHOIR REHEARSAL Choir Room
	7:00 PM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:30 PM	MCC MOTORCYCLE CLUB Sommers Room
	8:00 PM	C.I.C. MEETING Seminary Room
	8:30 PM	ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER MEETING Social Hall
FRIDAY OCTOBER 1ST	7:00 PM	HULA DANCE CLASS Social Hall, call 663-5809

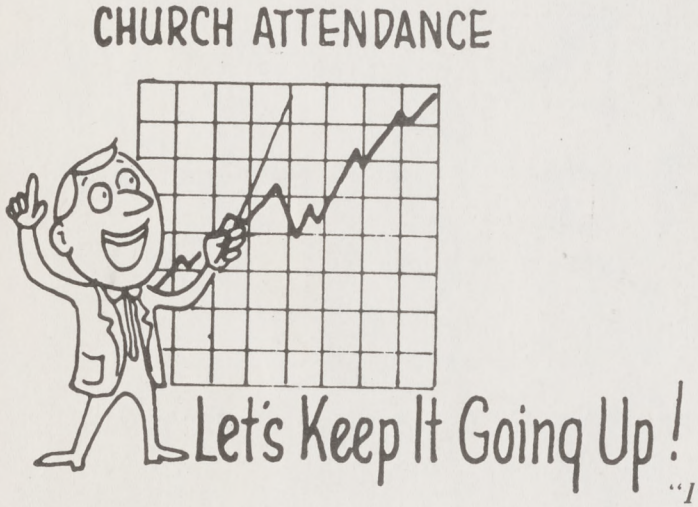
SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD

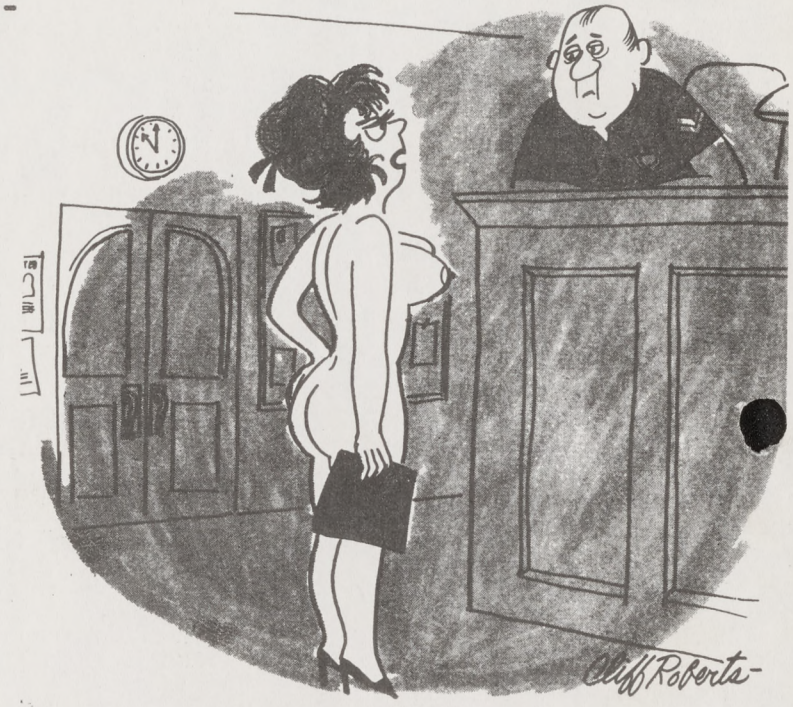
10:30 AM	SINGSPIRATION
10:45 AM	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Seminary Class Room
11:00 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
7:00 PM	CHRIST CHAPEL MCC COSTA MESA
7:30 PM	MCC LA EVENING SERVICE

LUST implies a willingness to destroy the other for the satisfaction of the self, whereas LOVE implies a willingness to destroy the self for the satisfaction of the other.

Author Unknown

"YOU become what YOU think about".





"I'd like to report a theft by a tall, dark transvestite . . . !"